

AMENDMENT

Application #	09/647,780
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First Inventor	OUIMET et al.
Art Unit	1652
Examiner	Walicka
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SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated February 24, 2004:

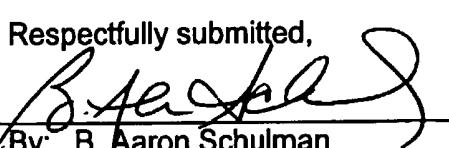
A) please consider the responsive **Remarks** provided herewith in **Attachment A**; and

B) please amend the above identified application as follows:

- **Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of the claims provided herewith in **Attachment B**.

In view of the amendments made and the remarks provided, it is submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,


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